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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Wednesday, 19 April, NIO Meeting

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1. Attached is material on the International Oil Market. I recommend you review the enclosed draft comments. They say in brief that the paper:

- lacks balance in that only one view is treated extensively
- fails to convey the magnitude of the uncertainties involved
- is propagandistic instead of dispassionate

2. There is real doubt that the long-term interests of good analysis will be served by a confrontation in your presence of such disparate evaluations. Therefore, may recommend that we switch tomorrow's meeting to a go-around-the-table session in which several NIOs briefly discuss substantive concerns, the sort of meeting you noted you would like to have occasionally. If that cannot be prepared adequately, he may recommend canceling the meeting.

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Attachment

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